

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 1997-207-C and 2001-113-C - ORDER NO. 2010-110

FEBRUARY 9, 2010

IN RE: Docket No. 1997-207-C – Application of	)	ORDER APPROVING
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,	)	CHANGE OF COMPANY
Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience	)	NAME
and Necessity to Provide Resold Intrastate	)	
Interexchange Telecommunications Services	)	
within the State of South Carolina	)	
	)	
and	)	
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Docket No. 2001-113-C – Application of	)	
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,	)	
Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience	)	
and Necessity to Provide Competitive Local	)	
Exchange Telecommunications Services,	)	
Facilities-Based Interexchange	)	
Telecommunications Services and for	)	
Alternative and Relaxed Regulations	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the application of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc (“McLeodUSA” or the “Company”) for approval of a name change. McLeodUSA currently holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina pursuant to the authority granted by Commission Order No. 1997-944, dated November 4, 1997, and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and facilities-based intrastate interexchange telecommunications pursuant to the authority granted by Commission Order No. 2001-648, dated July 18, 2001.

Upon McLeodUSA's filing, the Commission's Docketing Department instructed the company to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the name change request. McLeodUSA complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. The purpose of the Notice was to provide notification of the present proceeding to any interested parties and to advise interested parties of the manner and time in which to file pleadings to participate in the docket. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed in this matter. The matter now comes before the Commission for disposition.

By informational filing received December 2, 2009, McLeodUSA advises the Commission that the Company intends to change its corporate form by converting from a corporation to a limited liability company and that the Company will be involved in a *pro forma* corporate reorganization, whereby McLeodUSA will be named McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC d/b/a PAETEC Business Services. According to the Company, McLeodUSA will not be affected by the conversion to a limited liability company other than the change in corporate form. As to the *pro forma* reorganization, McLeodUSA advises that no transfer of control will result because the ultimate parent company will remain the same. Further, the day-to-day operations of McLeodUSA will continue to be managed by the same personnel, and the transaction will not affect the Company's service offerings, current rates or services. The reorganization, according to McLeodUSA will enhance the overall operational efficiency and competitive position of the Company because it expects to gain significant tax benefits as a result of the reorganization, ultimately benefiting the Company's subscribers. Moreover,

McLeodUSA asserts the transaction is consistent with the public interest and will promote competition among telecommunications carriers in the state. In all respects, according to McLeodUSA, the change in corporate form and the pro forma reorganization will be transparent to the public.

After review and consideration of McLeodUSA's request, the Commission concludes that the request for approval of a change in the Company's name should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

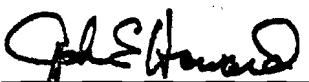
1. The application for approval of a change in the name of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. is approved, and accordingly, the Commission's records will hereby be amended to reflect the Company's new name of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC d/b/a PAETEC Business Services.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)